

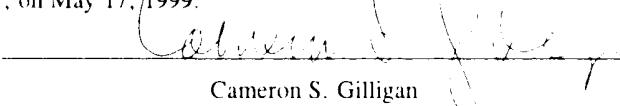


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI)
Serial No. 08/926,592) Group Art Unit: 2813
Filed: September 9, 1997) Examiner: M. Whipple
For: LAYER MEMBER FORMING)
METHOD) Date: May 17, 1999

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND
AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of March 17, 1999, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the Group III claims - that is, claims 13-17. In view thereof, please cancel claims 3-12 and 18.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey T. Gilligan

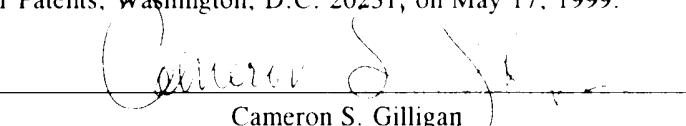
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an *Response to Election Requirement and Amendment and Petition for One month Extension of Time* in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37

[] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

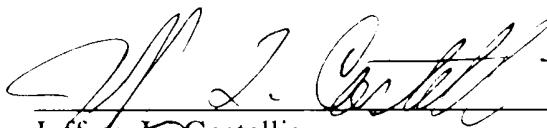
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small/Large Entity Rate	Fee
Total 32	Minus 32	-0-	x \$9/\$18	\$ -0-
Indep. 8	Minus 8	-0-	x \$39/\$78	\$ -0-
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim		+ \$130/\$260	\$ -0-	
TOTAL			\$ -0-	

[X] A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 to cover the *one month Extension of Time filing fee* is enclosed.

[X] In the event applicant(s) has overlooked the need for any petition and fee for extension of time, and such extension is required, applicant(s) requests that this be considered a petition therefor and that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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